



## **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 26 July 2021 in Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall**

Present; Councillors J Oliver (Chair), V Gibson, A. Saunders, C. Kennedy, J. Benson, County Councillor A. Sharp, M. A. Smith (Clerk).

### **1. Introduction and Welcome.**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllrs S. Armstrong & D. Finlayson.

### **3. Declarations of Interest.**

None received.

### **4. Public Questions.**

None Received.

### **5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 28 June 2021.**

5.1 These were read and approved.

### **6. Matters arising and actions from previous minutes.**

6.1 All matters were covered in the meeting.

### **7. General Amenities (Footpaths, Access, Seating and Lighting).**

7.1 The footpaths from Henshaw School to Bardon Mill are now scheduled for repair in late July to early August.

7.2 Cllr Sharp advised that he and Cllr Armstrong had met with the County Council to progress with the outstanding work highlighted at previous meetings as follows;

- Verges at Riverdale had been cut back with road widening to follow.
- Letters have been sent to properties where trees are blocking lights and footpaths, with the County to carry out work if the occupiers did not attend to these matters.
- Various verges and overgrown areas had been cut back.
- Bardon Mill village sign to be replaced.
- Road widening on Wellbank (Henshaw) scheduled for early April.
- Kissing gates in the fields past the Roman Hall to be repaired.

### **8. Maintenance Programme.**

8.1 Village Greens and Grassed Areas are being maintained satisfactorily.

8.2 General maintenance. The access road at the west end at Henshaw has been partially repaired with further work to follow.

### **9. Planning Applications.**

9.1 The planning application to erect a new house at Towhouse has been approved.

9.2 Two applications had recently been received from the National Park Authority for a planetarium and overspill accommodation. Whilst the Members had no objections, concerns were raised regarding the light pollution from additional development and this to be noted in responses on these applications.

### **10. Highway Matters.**

10.1 A69 Issues. A further meeting with the Highways England and the County Council is to be held on 19 August.

10.2 The road near Craggside still needs signage and markings such as 'Slow' and 'Narrow Road'.

10.6 Access Road at Broadacres. Cllr Sharp advised this was one his priorities and would chase this up as soon as possible.

### **11. Redburn Park.**

11.1 The Clerk advised that the monthly inspections were continuing and a meeting was to be held in the near future to itemise and programme any outstanding repairs.

11.2 One of the picnic benches had been repaired and a 'second hand' one had been acquired at a cost of £50 and this would be reclaimed as part of future expenses.



## **12. Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall.**

12.1 The hall is open for classes but larger scale events were not planned at present.

12.2 New representatives and volunteers were being sought to help with the running of the hall.

## **13. Northumberland National Park.**

13.1 An update on developments in the National Park was given by Cllr Saunders and it was noted that consultations on the future structure and aims of the National Park were to be carried out.

## **14. Henshaw School.**

14.1 The school was closed for summer holidays with the roof being replaced during this time.

14.2 A letter had been received from the Nursery asking for financial assistance towards a new extension and facilities. Agreed that a donation of £200 would be made by the Parish Council.

## **15. Report by Clerk on Financial Matters.**

15.1 Funds held by the Parish Council were confirmed as follows:

- Current Account £5,785.60
- Easement Account £5,361.92

15.2 Payments approved:

- Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee (Redburn Park Works) £181.60
- PPH Hire & Supplies (Supply of Materials) £54.00
- Book Accountants (Financial Support) £42.00
- Henshaw Nursery (Donation) £200.00

15.3 The Clerk advised that following the above transactions, and those still to clear, the estimated Parish Account would be £4051.41.

## **16. Members Issues.**

16.1 No further issues were raised.

## **17. Northumberland County Council Councillor Update.**

17.1 Councillor Sharp had provided updates on various matters during the meeting and advised he was to meet on site with the County Council on 6 August to review and action any outstanding works.

## **18. General Matters and Correspondence since last meeting.**

18.1 The Clerk advised all correspondence had been circulated by email.

## **19. Any other relevant business.**

No additional items were raised.

**20. Date and time of next meeting** Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

***Signed and Approved at the Meeting held on 27 September 2021.....***

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